

MAILS
From San Francisco
Wilhelmina, Feb. 13
For San Francisco:
Lurline, Feb. 13.
From Vancouver:
Niagara, Feb. 21.
For Vancouver:
Makura, March 2.

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ILLEGAL SINKING OF AMERICAN VESSEL BY GERMANY MEANS IMMEDIATE WAR

GERMAN VESSELS MAY REFUSE PAY HIGHER CHARGES

Agency Sends Letter to Harbor Board Saying Control of Craft in U. S. Hands

What consists practically of a refusal to pay any increased rates in wharfage charges or any wharfage charges at all upon the German registered merchant vessels, and the fact that a statement made by F. W. Klebahn of Hackfeld & Company, agents, read at the meeting of the harbor board this afternoon.

Klebahn's letter is in answer to notice from the harbor board of its decision to raise the wharfage charges on the two vessels from the special rate of \$10 a day granted them, to the regular charge of 2 cents a ton, which would amount to a little more than \$80 and \$60 respectively for each.

Klebahn informs the board that control of the two boats has now passed from the hands of the agents, that it is in the hands of the United States government, and politely refers the commissioners to take up the matter of wharfage with the proper federal department.

The writer notes in the letter that although action was taken effective from February 5, that notice of this was not given until the following day.

ALL STEAMERS FOR MONTH FULL

Every American steamer leaving Honolulu for San Francisco within the next 30 days has been booked full here and has a waiting list.

This fact was ascertained today as the result of a visit to the steamship offices of this port. The only line to the mainland on which any room is left is the Canadian-Australasian, running to Victoria and Vancouver, B. C. The Matson, Great Northern Pacific and Oceanic boats are booked to capacity.

The Matson line advance passenger booking committee has existed for months, but the Oceanic boats have had plenty of room. The "run" on local steamship offices began Saturday with the severance of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany. As a result there is a waiting list of nearly 200 names for the Great Northern, leaving here February 25, and 150 are booked for the next Oceanic liner, the Ventura, leaving February 23, both for San Francisco.

Before the international situation became serious, Oceanic boats were taking out from Honolulu only 25 or 30 passengers for the coast each trip, although they had room for 125 first class. Today the passenger department of C. Brewer & Co., the local Oceanic agency, reported 150 booked, probably more than the Ventura will have room for. She left Sydney yesterday, Australasian time.

On the Matson boats the waiting list is lengthy, but Matson liners to San Francisco have been booked full for months in advance. There is a waiting list of a dozen for the Lurline, leaving at noon Tuesday. For the Wilhelmina due to steam February 21, there are 25 on the waiting list. Succeeding boats of this line have been booked to capacity for the last two months.

There are only 40 booked for Vancouver on the Makura March 2, according to the shipping department of Theo. H. Davies & Co., the local Canadian-Australasian agency, this morning. For the Niagara March 30 there are only 30 booked for the Canadian ports. In the other direction, however, for Sydney, leaving February 25, bookings are heavy. Today there were 50 booked for Suva, Auckland and Sydney on the Niagara, leaving here February 25.

MAUI AND KAUAI GUARD LAST TO BE INSPECTED

Inspection of guard organizations on Maui and Kauai is proceeding in a businesslike manner according to outside reports from those islands. Maj. Rufus E. Longon is conducting the work on Kauai, and Maj. O. B. Rosenbaum on Maui. Col. Gaylord P. Wilcox of the 4th Regiment, Kauai, returned there last night following several days in Honolulu. Completion of the inspection of these regiments will finish the work looking over which the federal government gives the guarantee.

During 1916, private American shipyards built for American owners 1163 merchant vessels.

Stocks Shade Off Slightly

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

	Yesterday	Today
Alaska Gold	7 1/4	8 1/4
American Smelter	98 1/4	98 1/4
American Sugar Rfg.	106	107
American Tel. & Tel.	125 1/2	125 1/2
Anacosta Copper	75 1/2	76 1/2
Atchafalaya	102 1/4	103
Baldwin Loco.	54	52 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	78 1/4	78 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	40 1/2	41
Calif. Petroleum	23 1/4	23 1/4
Canadian Pacific	148 1/4	155
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	79 1/2	81 1/2
Cole, Fuel & Iron	43 1/2	44 1/2
Cruelsteel Steel	65	67 1/2
Erie Common	26	27
General Electric	184 1/2	185 1/2
General Motors	107	108
Great Northern Pfd.	112 1/2	113
Inter. Harv. N. J.	115	118
Kennecott Copper	44	44 1/2
Lahigh R. R.	74	74 1/4
New York Central	94	95
Pennsylvania	54	54 1/4
Ray Condit	28 1/2	29
Reading Common	90 1/4	91 1/2
Southern Pacific	92 1/4	92 1/2
Studebaker	102 1/2	103 1/2
Texas Oil	209	212
Union Pacific	133 1/2	135
U. S. Steel	106	107
Utah	107 1/2	108 1/2
Western Union	90 1/2	94 1/2
Westinghouse	52 1/2	52 1/2
May Wheat	1.69 1/4	1.73 1/2

*Bid. *Ex-dividend. †Unquoted.

CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF PLEDGES ENFORCING LAW

John H. Wise is formally in the field for sheriff and on a program of strict law enforcement.

Announcing his candidacy today, Wise declared to the Star-Bulletin that if elected he proposes to keep law closed so long as the present statutes remain in force; that if the next legislature passes the "redlight abatement" bill he will see that this is strictly enforced, and that any other legislation on the social evil will be followed to the spirit and the letter so far as it is in the power of the police to do it.

If elected he will immediately set about systematizing the work of the police department, which, he says, is now in a confused and chaotic state. "My main fight is to get the nomination at the April primary. If I am nominated I will have much less trouble being elected," said Wise.

His opponents for the Republican nomination are Eddie Hopkins of the county auditor's office; William K. Simerson, clerk in the board of health, and Oscar Cox, road department overseer at Waiolu. Cox has been an aspirant for the sheriff's office before, but never landed.

Hopkins is said to rely on a strong National Guard vote, he being a veteran guardsman, and Simerson is said to be expecting support from the board of health employees. Cox has a large general following.

In political circles Wise is credited with being the Republican who now looks most likely to land the nomination.

U-BOAT WAR DESTROYS MORE SHIPS; NEUTRALS SUFFERING

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, England, Feb. 7.—Lloyd's agency received news today of several more vessels sunk in the submarine warfare, following the news of many destroyed yesterday. Today's victims say the British steamers Vestra and Crown Point, two British trawlers and two fishing boats, the Peruvian bark Lorton and the Italian steamer Fernocio were the victims.

Germans Gain on West; Then Lose

PARIS, France, Feb. 7.—The Germans after a bombardment today forced their way into the French positions in a bloody battle along the salient near Emermeil, according to official announcement, but the French rallied and drove out the enemy.

German Dynamite Factory Blown Up

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Feb. 7.—According to news published in Les Nouvelles of Maastricht, Holland, a dynamite factory at Schiebusch, near Cologne, was blown up on January 27, killing 200 people, mostly women.

RUMOR, PROMPTLY DENIED, ALLEGES DANGER TO K-BOAT

Unconfirmed Report Spread Over City Four Submarine Sailors of German Blood Ar- rested; Captain Clark Says He Knows Nothing of It

Are there four United States submarine sailors under arrest and in double irons at the naval camp at Pearl Harbor for attempting to sink one or more of Uncle Sam's under-sea craft stationed there?

Has anyone been arrested for any such offense? Is there any indication of such attempts? Or was a general rumor to that effect which has been going the rounds last night and this morning merely serminalized in a fertile brain, one of the many rumors found baseless?

"I know nothing of it," said Capt. Clark of the naval station, Pearl Harbor.

A general statement of the stories being circulated is this: Four members of one of the submarine's crew had made preparations to open the bilge cocks. They were of German parentage. They have been arrested and are in irons.

Sidelights on the story include one statement that there were only three arrested and another that but one was taken, he having punched three or four holes in the armor of one of the submarines.

The submarine story was connected in a way with action taken by naval authorities following instructions from Washington to allow no one in the yards other than officials, employees and those with the proper authority. All are examined.

When the 7 a. m. work train entered the naval reservation yesterday morning it was stopped and every passenger inspected before the workmen at the station were allowed to get off or before the train could proceed to Watertown.

It was said that this action had been taken in order either to catch men who had tried to destroy the submarine or to stop persons with such intentions, but Fred C. Smith, general passenger agent of the Oahu Railway, says he believes the inspection is merely in accord with instructions. It was made again this morning.

One man said in regard to the rumor that he had information from most credible sources that four men had been actually arrested at Pearl Harbor for attempting to damage one of the little ships.

RUMOR OF RODIEK'S ARREST—MERELY RUMOR

The report circulated Tuesday to the effect that German Consul Georg Rodiek had been arrested was proved untrue. Shortly after the Star-Bulletin went to press yesterday Mr. Rodiek was located and denied the rumor. All government officials also denied knowing anything about it.

CRITICISM MADE BY JUDGE STIRS UP INDIGNATION

Rumors About Federal Court Tell of Meeting and Steps to Remove Judge Ashford

Army, naval and federal civil circles here are reported indignant over a statement voluntarily handed over the Star-Bulletin on Tuesday by Circuit Judge C. W. Ashford, in which he severely criticizes these officials for what he terms "American stupidity" in handling the local situation arising from the severance of relations between America and Germany.

On the second floor of the federal building, Fort street, where the U. S. attorneys and the U. S. marshal have their offices, indignation over Ashford's statement is being openly expressed and Ashford is being criticized for his remarks.

"I am delighted if they are stirred up," remarked Ashford this morning to a Star-Bulletin representative. "It is all true. They stood by with arms folded and watched the destruction of that fleet."

A federal official today informed the Star-Bulletin that a meeting was held last night by army, navy and civil authorities and that during the discussion Ashford's statement was taken up.

This official says he is reliably informed that it was decided to send immediately to the proper authorities in Washington, D. C., a statement of facts regarding what happened in Honolulu following the receipt of news that relations had been severed and to include in this statement Judge Ashford's remarks.

While no confirmation of the report could be secured, this official further said he was informed that the attorney general may be requested to ask Ashford's resignation as circuit judge.

WANT DETENTION HOME FOR GIRLS

Legislation providing for a detention home for girls, further provisions for the care of feeble-minded children and a general strengthening of laws regarding cruelty to animals will be sought in the next legislature by the Humane Society.

At a meeting of the society today the legislative committee reported that it had interviewed the governor on the three projects. The drawing of bills probably will be the next work of the committee.

WINTER HALTING LAND CAMPAIGNS

(German Official)
GERMAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Feb. 4.—West arena, Crown Prince Rupprecht's front: During unfavorable sighting conditions and frosty weather, artillery duel between Lens and Arras and from Serre to St. Pierre Vaast wood livelier than on preceding day. North of Ancre English, after drumfire, attacked our positions about midnight, while north of Beaumont attacks failed. Near river bank detachments succeeded in entering our most advanced trenches.

Army group of crown prince: North-east of Pont-a-Mousson and north of St. Mihiel our own reconnoitering advances were successful.

Prince Leopold's front, eastern arena: In engagements which developed before noon on the Aa river, in spite of severe cold, several Russian attacks were repulsed.

Archduke Joseph's front: Here and on von Mackensen's front the situation is unchanged. On the Macedonian front, except for surprise fire attacks between Vardar and Dobruja, Lake and near Monastir there is nothing important.

Monday's Report

GERMAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Feb. 5.—Crown Prince Rupprecht's front: From north bank of Ancre to the Somme, during strong artillery fire in some sectors and infantry engagements, we recaptured the largest part of trenches east of Beaumont from the English by a counter thrust and on this occasion in round numbers 100 prisoners remained in our hands.

This afternoon a violent English attack north of Beaumont failed and in the night time also a charge was repeated of strong forces against our positions from east of Grandcourt to south of Pys.

Also on the road from Bealescourt to Guendecourt there is fighting.

South of the Somme thrusting detachments brought in more than 20 French and English from hostile lines.

Prince Leopold's front: On the Narayevka river a small Russian detachment, held ahead towards our outposts, was repulsed by fire.

On Archduke Joseph's and von Mackensen's front the situation is unchanged. Only a little artillery fire and forefired engagements reported.

Nothing new on the Macedonian front.

BRITISH FLYER SHOT DOWN, MADE PRISONER

(German Official)
BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 7.—On the afternoon of February 1, along the Flanders coast, a German single-seated fighting aeroplane shot down a British single-seated aeroplane. The hostile machine fell into our hands. The flyer, a British naval officer, was imprisoned.

May Jail Bopp, Aids

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 7.—German Consul-General Franz Bopp and his aids, who were convicted of violation of U. S. neutrality laws in conspiring to blow up trains and ships carrying munitions to the Allies, have been ordered to furnish increased bail of \$25,000 each, while awaiting the outcome of their moves for a new trial. Judge Hunt issued the order today. The increase was asked by the district attorney's office because of the present strained relations between this country and Germany.

Attorney Theodore Roche says that this undoubtedly means that Bopp will be jailed. The convicted men have been given until 5 o'clock this afternoon to raise the bail.

300 DROWNED AND FROZEN TO DEATH

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
CHANGHAI, Shantung, China, Jan. 5.—(By Correspondence.)—Three hundred persons were drowned and frozen near here when the Japanese steamer ankaka Maru ran aground during a terrific snowstorm. Seventy-five of these aboard, after clinging for four days to the battered hulk, were rescued.

WASHINGTON IS IN FIRM MOOD

Gerard Ready to Quit Berlin and Sail For U. S. From Spanish Port—Indi- cations Other Neutrals Will Not Fol- low Wilson's Lead in Severing Rela- tions

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Facing Germany's renewed submarine warfare, Washington is ready for eventualities in case that warfare results in violation of the pledges which this government has exacted of Berlin.

It is frankly stated in official circles today that the United States stands squarely by its position that the German blockade by means of submarines is illegal and that the proposed methods of warfare will not be tolerated if they overstep the bounds laid down by international law.

The sinking of any American vessel illegally will immediately lead to war, is the expressed opinion in official circles.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Announcement was made at the state department today that the American liner St. Louis will not be given any naval convoy if she sails for Europe. Secretary Lansing says that the liner will sail unattended.

Lloyd-George Says Allies' Aims Outlined as Far as Possible Now

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 7.—Premier Lloyd George at the opening of the British parliament today said that the response of the Entente Powers to the invitation of President Wilson to outline their peace terms has summarized the grounds on which they are fighting, as far as can be done at present.

He said the Allies cannot now go more into detail and expressed the opinion that the Entente group had placed its case fairly before the world, showing that it is carrying on a just warfare. He added: "The threat of future outrages upon public order and the common rights of humanity serve to steel our determination to carry the combat to a successful conclusion."

The opening of parliament today was shorn of much of the usual color and pomp, the seriousness of the occasion and the sobering influences of the long campaign having served to divest the event of all appearance of a social function.

The peers did not wear their customary rich robes or glittering regalia.

King George was clad in the uniform of a British admiral. The officers were in khaki, even those composing the imperial escort, and the whole atmosphere was one of serious national business.

Sweden Declines to Join Wilson In Severing Relations With Germany

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Feb. 7.—Another neutral nation has declined to join with the United States in severing relations with Germany. Announcement was made officially here today that Sweden will not accept Wilson's invitation to stand with the United States on this point. Sweden will, however, protest against the German naval policy of unrestricted submarine war.

PARIS, France, Feb. 7.—A Havas News Agency despatch from Barcelona says that Ambassador Gerard will sail from this Spanish port for the United States. Plans have been made for his return to the United States immediately.

"Carnival Goes On"

George H. Angus, president of the Mid-Pacific Carnival, declared today: "There are all sorts of rumors that the present international situation may interfere with the Carnival. 'Nothing to it. The plans are going ahead and will go ahead, without change and without delay. The city is full of visitors, more are coming, and the Carnival program is a splendid one."

"There is not even a thought of calling off the Carnival or modifying it. This is absolutely definite."

QUIET NIGHT REPORTED
BY PROVOST COMMANDER
Maj. W. B. Cochran, commanding the provost guard encamped at the Capitol grounds, reports that quiet reigned throughout the various parts of the city over which his men watched last night. Three companies of the regulars patrolled the city.